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## **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

*(Base: December 2001 =100)*

### **DETAILED SUB-INDICES RELEASE**

**December 2006**

#### **Annual Inflation increases to 4.9% in December**

This release provides a summary analysis of the major price developments within the main CPI COICOP groups together with constituent CPI Subgroups and details of their monthly and annual percentage changes. It also details changes for each COICOP subgroup for each month from July 2005 to date. See the Background Notes for a description of the COICOP classification.

A detailed description of the CPI is published in the Introduction of Updated Series, December 2001 =100. This release, together with the monthly CPI Statistical Release is available on the CSO Web Site ([www.cso.ie](http://www.cso.ie)) immediately following publication.

Tables 18 – 20 based on the old national classification are also included for analysis.

Table 21 presents data for grocery items within the CPI (both those formerly covered and not covered by the Groceries Order).

The date to which the December release relates is Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006.

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# Consumer Price Index

## December 2006

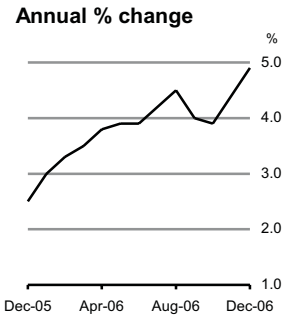
### Overall Consumer Price Index

Consumer Prices in December, as measured by the CPI, increased by 0.3% in the month. This compares to a decrease of 0.1% in December of last year and as a result, the annual rate of inflation rose to 4.9%, up from 4.4% in November 2006.

The most significant monthly price changes were increases in Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (+3.8%), Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+0.6%) and Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+0.3%), partially offset by decreases for Miscellaneous Goods & Services (-0.5%) and Clothing & Footwear (-0.3%).

The most notable changes in the year were increases in Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+21.5%), Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (+5.1%), Education (+4.9%), Health (+4.4%) and Restaurants & Hotels (+4.2%). These were partially offset by decreases in Clothing & Footwear (-2.1%) and Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (-1.4%).

In the year to December, an increase of 1.2% was recorded for Goods while Services increased by 8.0%.

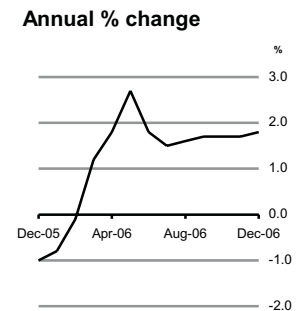


Overall Consumer Price Index

### 01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages prices increased by 0.3% in the month and by 1.8% in the year to December 2006.

In the month, food prices increased by 0.3% while non-alcoholic beverages prices increased by 0.1%. Since November, price increases were recorded for fresh fish (+3.4%), fresh fruit (+2.9%), other fresh vegetables (+2.1%), other cereals (+1.1%), lamb (+1.0%) and tea (+0.9%). Price decreases were recorded for desserts & ice-cream (-1.5%), bacon (-0.6%) and cheese (-0.6%).

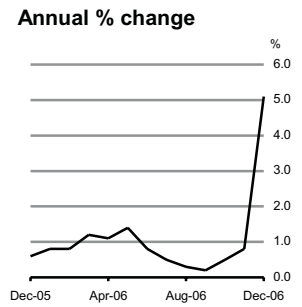


01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

## 02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

This category covers alcoholic beverages (purchased in an off-licence or supermarket) and tobacco products. Overall prices increased by 3.8% in the month and by 5.1% in the year to December 2006. This compares with an annual increase of 0.6% for December 2005.

Alcoholic beverages prices decreased by 1.8% in the month. The price changes that contributed to the decrease in alcoholic beverages were spirits (-4.6%) and wine & cider (-1.0%), partially offset by an increase for beer (+0.1%). Overall tobacco prices increased by 7.3% in December due to the higher rates of excise duty introduced in Budget 2007. Cigarettes prices increased by 7.4% while other tobacco products increased by 3.9%.

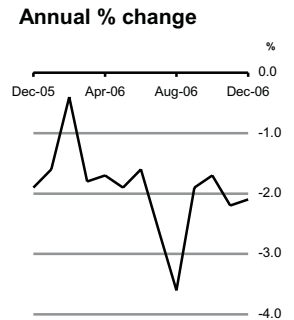


02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

## 03 Clothing and Footwear

Clothing & Footwear prices decreased by 0.3% in the month and by 2.1% in the year to December 2006. In the month, clothing prices decreased by 0.2% while footwear prices decreased by 0.6%.

This category also covers Clothing & Footwear services such as dry cleaning. The services element for clothing increased by 0.9% while footwear repair & hire costs increased by 0.8% in the month.

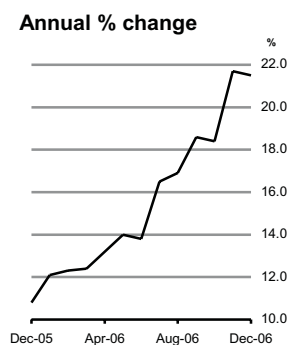


03 Clothing and Footwear

## 04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels

This group covers the former categories of Housing (excluding insurance) and Fuel & Light combined into one overall category. In Ireland, the sub-category “water supply, refuse & miscellaneous services” includes waste collection charges (both public and private) and chimney sweep costs at this time. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels costs increased by 0.6% in the month and by 21.5% in the year to December 2006. This compares with an increase of 10.8% in the year to December 2005.

In December, increases were recorded for house maintenance services (+1.6%), home heating oil (+1.6%), average mortgage interest repayments (+1.0%) and house maintenance materials (+0.5%).



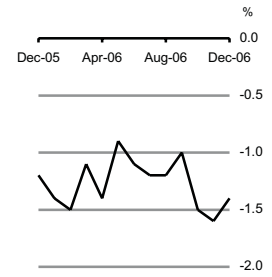
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels

## 05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance

Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance costs increased by 0.1% in the month and decreased by 1.4% in the year to December 2006. This compares to a decrease of 1.2% for the year to December 2005.

Price increases were recorded for carpets & other floor coverings (+0.9%), small electric household appliances (+0.6%), glassware, tableware & household utensils (+0.6%), domestic & household services (+0.5%) and furniture & furnishings (+0.4%). These were partially offset by a decrease in major household appliances (-0.3%).

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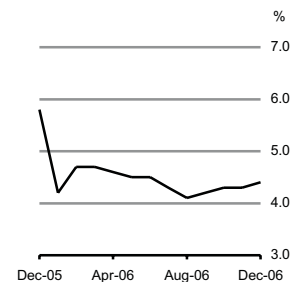
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance

## 06 Health

Overall health costs and charges increased by 0.1% in the month and by 4.4% in the year to December 2006, which is marginally up on the increase recorded for the year to November (+4.3%). This compares with an increase of 5.8% for the year to December 2005.

In December, increases were recorded for other medicines (which includes pain relievers, antacid, cough mixture, vitamins & other supplements) (+0.1%) and other medical products (which includes condoms, petroleum jelly, disinfectant & adhesive dressing) (+0.1%).

Annual % change



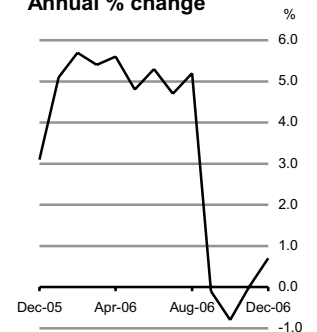
06 Health

## 07 Transport

Transport costs increased by 0.1% in the month and by 0.7% in the year to December 2006. This compares with an increase of 3.1% recorded in the year to December 2005.

In the month, increases were recorded for air fares (+0.8%), petrol (+0.5%), diesel (+0.5%) and motor oil (+0.5%). These were partially offset by decreases in other vehicle costs (which includes parking fees and car rental charges) (-1.1%) and bicycles (-0.4%).

Annual % change

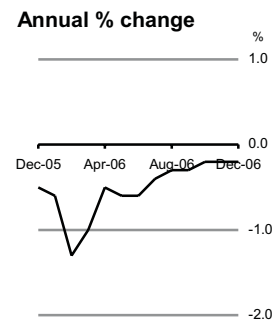


07 Transport

## 08 Communications

Overall communication costs remained unchanged in the month and decreased by 0.2% in the year to December 2006. This compares with a decrease of 0.5% in the year to December 2005.

Postal services costs and telephone & communication services charges both remained unchanged in the month.

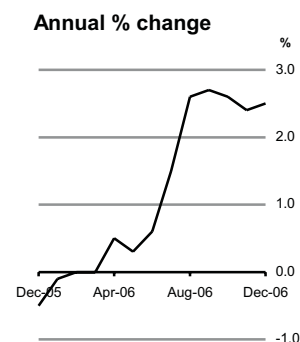


08 Communications

## 09 Recreation and Culture

Recreation & Culture covers a wide range of goods and services including items such as nightclubs, televisions, newspapers and gardening. Overall prices increased by 0.1% in the month and by 2.5% in the year to December 2006.

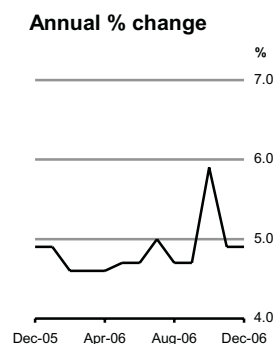
Price increases were recorded for recording media (+1.0%), veterinary & other services for pets (+0.8%), television services (+0.7%), books (+0.5%) and cinema (+0.5%). These were partially offset by decreases in information processing equipment (-2.4%), stationery (-0.7%), equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures (-0.6%), photographic & cinematographic equipment & optical instruments (-0.6%) and nightclubs (-0.5%).



09 Recreation and Culture

## 10 Education

Education costs remained unchanged in the month and increased by 4.9% in the year to December 2006. This is the same increase as recorded for the year to December 2005 (+4.9%).

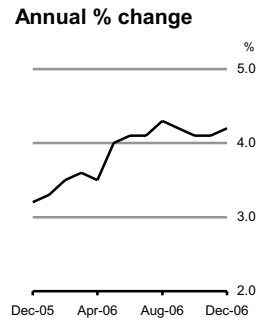


10 Education

## 11 Restaurants and Hotels

This category covers three main areas (1) meals out (2) alcohol consumed in or on licensed premises and (3) accommodation services. Prices for the overall category increased by 0.1% in the month and by 4.2% in the year to December 2006.

Price increases were recorded for restaurants, cafes & fast-food (+0.4%), beer (+0.1%) and soft drinks & mineral water (+0.1%), partially offset by a decrease for accommodation services (-0.7%).

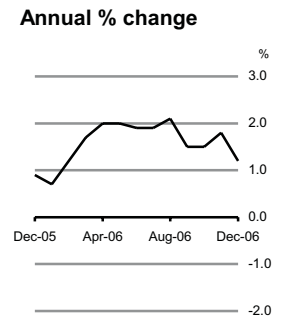


11 Restaurants and Hotels

## 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

Miscellaneous Goods & Services covers a wide range of items from personal hygiene products, hairdressing, insurance, childcare, social protection, financial services to personal goods and other services. Overall prices decreased by 0.5% in the month and increased by 1.2% in the year to December 2006. This compares with an increase of 0.9% recorded for the year to December 2005.

Price decreases were recorded for motor car insurance (-3.8%), financial services (-0.6%), electric appliances for personal care (-0.4%) and toilet accessories (-0.3%). These were partially offset by increases for hair products (+2.1%), jewellery, clocks & watches (+1.0%), health & beauty treatments (+0.9%), hygiene products (+0.6%), hairdressing (+0.5%) and other personal goods (+0.3%).



12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

**Table 1 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages - December 2006**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Food</b>	12.7541	103.9	0.3	2.1
Bread and Cereals	2.4351	104.5	0.1	-0.2
Bread	0.7932	109.2	0.2	0.4
Flour	0.0349	110.7	0.5	0.7
Biscuits	0.4149	97.3	-0.4	-3.0
Cakes	0.4370	108.9	-0.5	1.8
Breakfast cereals	0.3592	102.0	0.5	0.7
Other cereals	0.1698	100.3	1.1	-2.0
Other bread & cereals	0.2263	98.6	-0.1	-1.6
Meat	3.8238	100.7	0.1	3.0
Beef	0.7427	108.3	0.5	9.2
Lamb	0.3222	100.6	1.0	6.0
Pork	0.2327	98.9	-0.5	0.8
Bacon	0.5459	97.8	-0.6	0.9
Poultry	0.7558	87.8	0.3	2.1
Other meat products	1.2245	105.8	0.0	0.3
Fish	0.3475	108.7	1.8	6.7
Fresh fish	0.1522	116.0	3.4	16.1
Frozen/tinned/smoked fish	0.1954	103.0	0.4	-0.5
Milk, cheese and eggs	1.7813	107.5	0.0	1.7
Milk	0.9658	103.6	0.1	1.3
Other milk products	0.3633	117.2	0.1	3.8
Cheese	0.3103	108.1	-0.6	0.8
Eggs	0.1419	107.6	-0.2	0.7
Oils and fats	0.3720	101.5	0.0	-1.6
Butter	0.2294	99.8	0.0	-2.8
Margarine & low fat spreads	0.0706	106.7	-0.1	-1.6
Other oils & fats	0.0720	102.1	0.3	3.0
Fruit	0.6780	107.2	2.6	7.4
Fresh fruit	0.5882	105.3	2.9	8.4
Other fruits	0.0897	119.5	0.7	1.8
Vegetables	1.6534	101.6	0.7	4.9
Potatoes	0.3644	101.4	-0.1	8.0
Other fresh vegetables	0.6260	102.6	2.1	9.5
Tinned vegetables	0.1308	107.8	-0.1	0.0
Frozen vegetables	0.1738	94.1	-0.2	-3.5
Other vegetable products	0.3584	101.3	-0.2	0.0
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	1.2890	107.0	-0.5	-0.5
Sugar & sweeteners	0.0881	96.6	-0.1	0.0
Preserves	0.0898	110.3	0.2	0.3
Sweets & chocolate	0.8708	107.7	-0.2	0.1
Desserts & ice-cream	0.2404	107.2	-1.5	-2.7
Other food products	0.3739	106.8	-0.2	-1.2
Condiments & sauces	0.1924	106.0	-0.4	-0.7
Soup	0.1011	108.7	0.1	-2.2
Miscellaneous food items	0.0804	106.4	0.0	-1.6
<b>Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	1.3380	102.8	0.1	-1.0
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.3108	101.7	0.5	0.1
Tea	0.2007	105.0	0.9	0.5
Coffee	0.0980	95.7	-0.2	-0.6
Cocoa	0.0120	95.5	0.2	-2.4
Mineral waters, soft drinks & juices	1.0273	103.2	0.0	-1.2
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.7641	105.0	0.2	-1.8
Fruit juices	0.2632	98.0	-0.5	0.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.0921</b>	<b>103.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>

**Table 2 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco - December 2006**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Alcoholic Beverages</b>	3.0987	106.6	-1.8	-2.3
Spirits	0.8448	117.2	-4.6	-2.3
Wine & cider	1.3729	104.0	-1.0	-2.8
Beer	0.8811	100.6	0.1	-1.5
<b>Tobacco</b>	4.3993	137.1	7.3	9.6
Cigarettes	4.2148	137.7	7.4	9.9
Other tobacco products	0.1844	124.3	3.9	3.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.4980</b>	<b>124.5</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>5.1</b>

**Table 3 Clothing and Footwear - December 2006**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Clothing</b>	4.0605	86.5	-0.2	-1.9
Clothing materials	0.0171	99.0	0.0	-5.4
Garments	3.7922	84.7	-0.4	-2.2
Other articles of clothing	0.1019	77.1	0.0	-8.8
Cleaning, repair & hire of clothing	0.1494	138.3	0.9	6.5
Dry cleaning & laundry	0.1111	137.8	1.2	6.7
Dress hire & repair of clothing	0.0383	139.7	0.2	6.2
<b>Footwear</b>	0.9912	81.5	-0.6	-2.5
Shoes & other footwear	0.9764	80.6	-0.6	-2.7
Repair & hire of footwear	0.0148	145.4	0.8	4.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.0517</b>	<b>85.5</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-2.1</b>

**Table 4 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels - December 2006**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Rents & other housing costs	7.2347	154.1	0.7	33.1
Rents	2.6046	110.1	-0.1	7.5
Mortgage interest	4.6301	178.9	1.0	45.1
Maintenance & repair of the dwelling	1.6222	121.4	1.1	5.3
Materials for maint. & repair of dwelling	0.7562	111.0	0.5	2.9
Services for maint. & repair of dwelling	0.8660	130.5	1.6	7.1
Water supply, refuse & misc. services	0.1971	218.9	0.0	6.9
Electricity, gas & other fuels	3.2775	154.3	0.3	8.4
Electricity	1.3930	146.1	0.0	3.1
Natural gas	0.4872	204.7	0.0	33.8
Bottled gas	0.0364	133.1	0.2	5.7
Liquid fuels	0.6914	157.4	1.6	-0.9
Solid fuels	0.6695	132.6	0.0	10.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>12.3315</b>	<b>150.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>21.5</b>



**Table 5 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance - December 2006**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Furniture, furnishings, carpets & other flooring	0.6084	93.5	0.5	-1.9
Furniture & furnishings	0.5132	91.8	0.4	-2.1
Carpets & other floor coverings	0.0952	102.5	0.9	-1.3
Household textiles	0.3860	79.3	-0.1	-5.0
Household appliances	1.4105	92.5	-0.1	-1.6
Major household appliances	1.0325	91.4	-0.3	-1.7
Small electric household appliances	0.2678	87.4	0.6	-3.0
Repair of household appliances	0.1102	115.2	0.0	1.2
Glassware, tableware & hsehd utensils	0.2499	81.3	0.6	-4.0
Tools & equipment for house & garden	0.2203	106.3	0.0	0.2
Major tools & equipment	0.1121	112.3	0.0	0.4
Small tools & misc. accessories	0.1082	100.1	0.0	-0.1
Goods & services for routine hsehd maint.	1.4560	101.3	0.2	0.1
Non-durable household goods	0.8506	95.4	0.0	-1.0
Domestic & household services	0.6054	109.7	0.5	1.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.3312</b>	<b>94.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-1.4</b>

**Table 6 Health - December 2006**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Medical products, appliances & equip.	1.0425	114.3	0.0	1.9
Pharmaceutical products	0.5626	114.6	0.0	1.4
Prescribed drugs	0.3205	118.5	0.0	1.6
Other medicines	0.2420	109.4	0.1	1.0
Other medical products	0.1954	109.4	0.1	0.7
Therapeutic appliances & equip	0.2846	117.2	0.0	3.6
Outpatient services	0.8484	133.7	0.0	6.4
Medical services	0.5242	132.4	0.0	6.5
Doctors' fees	0.4310	133.6	0.0	7.0
Alternative & complementary medicine	0.0932	127.0	0.0	4.4
Dental services	0.2352	139.6	0.0	6.6
Paramedical services	0.0890	126.1	0.0	6.0
Hospital services	0.6273	169.3	0.0	5.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.5182</b>	<b>134.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>4.4</b>

**Table 7 Transport - December 2006**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Purchase of vehicles	6.1617	106.8	0.0	0.7
Motor cars	5.9503	107.2	0.0	0.7
Motor cycles	0.0608	94.6	0.2	-2.2
Bicycles	0.1506	94.7	-0.4	-0.9
Operation of personal transport equip.	5.1975	126.6	0.2	0.4
Spare parts & accessories	0.3014	107.8	0.0	2.0
Fuels & lubricants	3.1186	129.2	0.5	-1.5
Petrol	2.6391	127.9	0.5	-1.6
Diesel	0.4533	136.8	0.5	-1.4
Motor oil	0.0262	130.0	0.5	9.0
Maintenance & repair	0.5904	129.4	0.0	6.2
Other services	1.1871	123.2	-0.5	2.8
Motor tax	0.7001	117.3	0.0	0.0
Other vehicle costs	0.4745	132.4	-1.1	6.8
Driving licences	0.0125	101.9	0.0	0.0
Transport services	1.8239	121.4	0.1	1.8
Rail transport	0.2739	127.5	0.0	3.5
Road transport	1.2082	126.5	0.0	7.7
Bus fares	0.6445	123.0	0.0	3.7
Taxi	0.5637	130.5	0.0	12.4
Air transport	0.2860	91.1	0.8	-24.8
Sea transport	0.0339	139.5	-0.1	5.9
Combined transport	0.0118	125.4	0.0	4.8
Other transport	0.0100	137.0	0.0	8.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.1831</b>	<b>116.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.7</b>

**Table 8 Communications - December 2006**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Postal services	0.0791	132.1	0.0	6.7
Telephone & communication services	1.8239	103.2	0.0	-0.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.9030</b>	<b>104.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>

**Table 9 Recreation and Culture - December 2006**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Audio-visual, photographic & information processing equipment	1.0625	71.9	-0.4	-9.1
Equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures	0.2557	70.6	-0.6	-7.1
Photographic & cinematographic equip. & optical instruments	0.0477	66.8	-0.6	-5.9
Information processing equip.	0.3516	60.6	-2.4	-18.8
Recording media	0.4075	83.1	1.0	-3.3
Other major durables for recreation & culture	0.0183	94.4	0.0	-0.9
Other recreational items & equip. incl. gardens & pets	1.1538	97.7	0.0	-0.8
Games, toys & hobbies	0.3480	72.9	-0.4	-5.4
Equipment for sport, camping & open air recreation	0.1490	94.5	0.1	-2.0
Gardens, plants & flowers	0.3375	109.9	-0.3	1.2
Pets & related products	0.2513	108.1	0.1	-0.6
Veterinary & other services for pets	0.0680	131.8	0.8	6.5
Recreational & cultural services	3.2713	128.1	0.2	3.1
Recreational & sporting services	1.0955	133.2	0.0	3.7
Sports admittance	0.1575	147.0	0.0	4.3
Sports participation	0.4631	142.7	0.0	5.2
Cultural services	2.1757	125.6	0.2	2.8
Cinema	0.2523	122.8	0.5	3.5
Nightclubs	0.3261	116.0	-0.5	1.6
Cultural admittance	0.6630	125.3	0.0	4.7
Other entertainment	0.2454	113.3	0.2	0.5
Television services	0.6889	135.8	0.7	2.1
Newspapers, books & stationery	1.9011	116.3	0.0	3.2
Books	0.4801	111.3	0.5	2.6
Newspapers & periodicals	0.9945	124.4	0.0	5.0
Stationery	0.4265	103.0	-0.7	-1.0
Package holidays	3.4024	106.7	0.3	5.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.8095</b>	<b>110.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>

**Table 10 Education - December 2006**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Primary education	0.0111	163.4	0.0	9.2
Second level education	0.1572	160.2	0.0	8.2
Third level education	0.7009	134.9	0.0	5.1
Other education & training	0.6778	135.1	0.0	3.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.5471</b>	<b>137.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4.9</b>

**Table 11 Restaurants and Hotels - December 2006**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Catering services	15.5121	124.3	0.2	3.3
Restaurants, cafes & licenced premises	14.8341	124.6	0.2	3.2
Beer	6.3736	121.5	0.1	3.1
Spirits	1.6213	129.5	0.0	2.5
Wine & cider	0.7156	120.7	0.0	2.5
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.3850	125.5	0.1	3.1
Restaurants, cafes & fast-food	5.7386	127.2	0.4	3.7
Canteens	0.6780	117.4	0.0	5.3
Accommodation services	2.2474	134.6	-0.7	10.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>17.7595</b>	<b>125.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>4.2</b>

**Table 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services - December 2006**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Personal care	2.4202	109.4	0.5	2.0
Hairdressing salons & personal grooming	0.6871	139.3	0.6	7.0
Hairdressing	0.6354	139.7	0.5	7.2
Health & beauty treatments	0.0496	133.3	0.9	3.7
Other personal grooming	0.0020	130.3	0.1	3.2
Electric appliances for personal care	0.0566	85.2	-0.4	-3.2
Other appliances, articles & products for personal care	1.6765	97.9	0.3	-0.6
Hygiene products	0.2343	96.3	0.6	0.8
Hair products	0.2124	98.8	2.1	-2.2
Cosmetics & skincare products	0.6036	99.6	-0.1	-1.3
Toilet accessories	0.6262	96.8	-0.3	-0.4
Personal goods	0.4623	88.8	0.6	-0.7
Jewellery, clocks & watches	0.1791	104.6	1.0	3.9
Other personal goods	0.2832	78.9	0.3	-4.0
Social protection	0.9203	135.1	0.0	4.3
Childcare	0.7423	136.6	0.0	4.2
Other social protection	0.1780	128.8	0.0	4.7
Insurance	4.3822	106.4	-1.3	0.0
Dwelling insurance	0.6988	90.8	0.0	-9.0
Health insurance	1.4709	165.4	0.0	11.5
Transport insurance	2.2124	72.1	-3.6	-10.5
Motor cycle insurance	0.0242	153.7	0.0	0.0
Motor car insurance	2.1882	71.2	-3.8	-10.8
Financial services	0.0470	126.0	-0.6	-2.1
Other services	0.7432	123.5	0.0	2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.9751</b>	<b>110.7</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>

**Table 13 COICOP Groups Consumer Price Monthly Percentage Changes**

Period	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communications	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants and Hotels	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	All Items CPI
<b>Mid-December 2001</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>% Base Expenditure</b>													
<b>Weights</b>	<b>14.092</b>	<b>7.498</b>	<b>5.052</b>	<b>12.331</b>	<b>4.331</b>	<b>2.518</b>	<b>13.183</b>	<b>1.903</b>	<b>10.810</b>	<b>1.547</b>	<b>17.760</b>	<b>8.975</b>	<b>100.000</b>
<b>2005</b> Mid-July	+0.2	+0.3	-9.8	+0.9	-1.7	+0.2	+1.5	-0.1	-0.7	-	+0.6	-0.3	-
Mid-August	-	+0.2	+8.4	+0.4	+1.3	+0.5	+0.6	-0.1	-0.8	+0.2	+0.4	-0.1	+0.4
Mid-September	+0.1	+0.1	+3.6	+1.3	+0.2	-	+2.4	-	+0.1	-	-0.2	+2.1	+0.8
Mid-October	-0.3	-0.1	-1.3	+1.7	+0.1	+0.1	-0.8	-0.1	+0.1	+2.1	-0.2	+0.3	+0.1
Mid-November	-0.2	-0.3	+1.9	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	-1.5	-	+0.4	+1.5	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2
Mid-December	+0.2	-0.3	-0.5	+0.7	-0.1	-	-0.6	-	-	-	-0.1	+0.1	-0.1
<b>2006</b> Mid-January	-0.1	+0.6	-14.8	+2.2	-3.0	+1.7	+0.1	-0.1	+0.3	+0.2	-	-0.7	-0.3
Mid-February	+0.8	-	+12.6	+0.8	+2.3	+1.0	+1.2	-0.9	+0.6	+0.1	+0.5	+0.6	+1.1
Mid-March	+0.5	+0.3	+1.9	+0.8	-0.1	+0.1	-	+0.3	+0.1	-	+0.6	+0.4	+0.4
Mid-April	+0.5	-	+0.2	+2.7	-	+0.1	+1.4	+0.5	+0.5	-	+0.7	+0.1	+0.8
Mid-May	+0.8	+0.2	-	+0.9	+0.1	+0.5	+0.3	-0.1	+0.1	+0.5	+0.8	-	+0.4
Mid-June	-0.7	-0.1	-1.1	+0.5	-0.3	-	+0.7	-	+0.1	-	+1.2	-	+0.3
Mid-July	-0.1	-	-10.6	+3.3	-1.7	+0.1	+0.9	+0.1	+0.2	+0.3	+0.6	-0.3	+0.3
Mid-August	+0.1	-	+7.3	+0.8	+1.3	+0.3	+1.2	-	+0.3	-	+0.6	+0.2	+0.7
Mid-September	+0.2	-0.1	+5.3	+2.9	+0.3	+0.1	-2.8	-	+0.2	-	-0.3	+1.4	+0.3
Mid-October	-0.3	+0.3	-1.1	+1.5	-0.3	+0.1	-1.5	-	-	+3.2	-0.3	+0.3	-
Mid-November	-0.2	-	+1.4	+2.8	+0.1	+0.3	-0.7	-	+0.2	+0.6	-0.2	-0.1	+0.3
Mid-December	+0.3	+3.8	-0.3	+0.6	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	-	+0.1	-	+0.1	-0.5	+0.3

**Table 14 COICOP Groups Consumer Price Annual Percentage Changes**

Period	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communications	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants and Hotels	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	All Items CPI
<b>Mid-December 2001</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>% Base Expenditure</b>													
<b>Weights</b>	<b>14.092</b>	<b>7.498</b>	<b>5.052</b>	<b>12.331</b>	<b>4.331</b>	<b>2.518</b>	<b>13.183</b>	<b>1.903</b>	<b>10.810</b>	<b>1.547</b>	<b>17.760</b>	<b>8.975</b>	<b>100.000</b>
<b>2005</b>													
Mid-July	-0.7	+0.8	-2.5	+10.9	-1.7	+6.5	+3.2	-0.6	+0.1	+6.5	+3.1	-1.1	+2.4
Mid-August	-0.8	+0.8	-2.7	+10.5	-1.5	+6.6	+3.5	-0.7	-0.8	+6.8	+3.2	-1.5	+2.3
Mid-September	-0.5	+0.9	-2.4	+11.1	-1.0	+6.6	+6.4	-0.4	-0.6	+6.8	+3.1	+1.4	+3.0
Mid-October	-0.7	+0.8	-3.0	+11.9	-1.1	+6.2	+6.1	-0.5	-0.6	+4.8	+3.1	+1.2	+3.0
Mid-November	-0.8	+0.6	-1.5	+11.1	-0.9	+6.2	+3.6	-0.5	-0.4	+4.9	+3.2	+0.8	+2.6
Mid-December	-1.0	+0.6	-1.9	+10.8	-1.2	+5.8	+3.1	-0.5	-0.5	+4.9	+3.2	+0.9	+2.5
<b>Year</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>+0.6</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>+10.4</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>+6.2</b>	<b>+3.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+6.0</b>	<b>+3.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>+2.5</b>
<b>2006</b>													
Mid-January	-0.8	+0.8	-1.6	+12.1	-1.4	+4.2	+5.1	-0.6	-0.1	+4.9	+3.3	+0.7	+3.0
Mid-February	-0.1	+0.8	-0.4	+12.3	-1.5	+4.7	+5.7	-1.3	-	+4.6	+3.5	+1.2	+3.3
Mid-March	+1.2	+1.2	-1.8	+12.4	-1.1	+4.7	+5.4	-1.0	-	+4.6	+3.6	+1.7	+3.5
Mid-April	+1.8	+1.1	-1.7	+13.2	-1.4	+4.6	+5.6	-0.5	+0.5	+4.6	+3.5	+2.0	+3.8
Mid-May	+2.7	+1.4	-1.9	+14.0	-0.9	+4.5	+4.8	-0.6	+0.3	+4.7	+4.0	+2.0	+3.9
Mid-June	+1.8	+0.8	-1.6	+13.8	-1.1	+4.5	+5.3	-0.6	+0.6	+4.7	+4.1	+1.9	+3.9
Mid-July	+1.5	+0.5	-2.6	+16.5	-1.2	+4.3	+4.7	-0.4	+1.5	+5.0	+4.1	+1.9	+4.2
Mid August	+1.6	+0.3	-3.6	+16.9	-1.2	+4.1	+5.2	-0.3	+2.6	+4.7	+4.3	+2.1	+4.5
Mid-September	+1.7	+0.2	-1.9	+18.6	-1.0	+4.2	-0.1	-0.3	+2.7	+4.7	+4.2	+1.5	+4.0
Mid-October	+1.7	+0.5	-1.7	+18.4	-1.5	+4.3	-0.8	-0.2	+2.6	+5.9	+4.1	+1.5	+3.9
Mid-November	+1.7	+0.8	-2.2	+21.7	-1.6	+4.3	-	-0.2	+2.4	+4.9	+4.1	+1.8	+4.4
Mid-December	+1.8	+5.1	-2.1	+21.5	-1.4	+4.4	+0.7	-0.2	+2.5	+4.9	+4.2	+1.2	+4.9
<b>Year</b>	<b>+1.4</b>	<b>+1.1</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>+16.1</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>+4.4</b>	<b>+3.4</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>+1.3</b>	<b>+4.9</b>	<b>+3.9</b>	<b>+1.6</b>	<b>+4.0</b>

**Table 15 Consumer Price Index Goods and Services by COICOP - December 2006**

COICOP	Group	Mid-Dec 2001 % Base Expenditure Weights	% Goods Base Expenditure Weights	% Services Base Expenditure Weights	Index		Percentage changes		
					Goods	Services	Goods 12 Months	Services 12 Months	Overall 12 Months
01	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	14.092	14.092	-	103.8	-	+ 1.8	-	+ 1.8
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	7.498	7.498	-	124.5	-	+ 5.1	-	+ 5.1
03	Clothing and Footwear	5.052	4.888	0.164	83.8	138.9	- 2.3	+ 6.4	- 2.1
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	12.331	2.153	10.178	133.0	154.7	+ 3.6	+25.4	+21.5
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.331	3.538	0.793	90.7	111.3	- 2.1	+ 1.5	- 1.4
06	Health	2.518	1.013	1.505	113.9	148.5	+ 1.7	+ 5.8	+ 4.4
07	Transport	13.183	9.582	3.601	114.1	123.3	- 0.2	+ 2.8	+ 0.7
08	Communications	1.903	-	1.903	-	104.4	-	- 0.2	- 0.2
09	Recreation and Culture	10.810	4.064	6.746	99.0	117.4	- 0.6	+ 4.2	+ 2.5
10	Education	1.547	-	1.547	-	137.7	-	+ 4.9	+ 4.9
11	Restaurants and Hotels	17.760	-	17.760	-	125.6	-	+ 4.2	+ 4.2
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	8.975	2.191	6.784	95.6	115.6	- 0.7	+ 1.8	+ 1.2
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>		<b>100.000</b>	<b>49.019</b>	<b>50.981</b>	<b>106.8</b>	<b>128.9</b>	<b>+ 1.2</b>	<b>+ 8.0</b>	<b>+ 4.9</b>

**Table 16 Consumer Price Annual Percentage Changes for selected CPI Sub-indices**

Period	Energy	CPI excluding Mortgage Interest	CPI excluding Housing	CPI excluding Tobacco	All Items
	%	%	%	%	%
<b>2004</b> Mid-January	+3.9	+2.1	+2.1	+1.5	+1.8
Mid-February	+3.9	+2.0	+2.0	+1.4	+1.7
Mid-March	+0.4	+1.6	+1.6	+1.0	+1.3
Mid-April	+1.2	+1.4	+1.5	+1.2	+1.4
Mid-May	+6.9	+1.8	+1.9	+1.5	+1.7
Mid-June	+11.8	+2.2	+2.2	+2.0	+2.3
Mid-July	+10.9	+2.3	+2.3	+2.5	+2.7
Mid-August	+12.0	+2.2	+2.3	+2.5	+2.6
Mid-September	+11.1	+2.1	+2.2	+2.4	+2.5
Mid-October	+12.5	+2.3	+2.4	+2.6	+2.7
Mid-November	+15.3	+2.5	+2.6	+2.8	+2.9
Mid-December	+11.5	+2.1	+2.2	+2.6	+2.6
<b>Year</b>	<b>+8.4</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	<b>+2.2</b>
<b>2005</b> Mid-January	+9.8	+1.8	+1.8	+2.4	+2.3
Mid-February	+9.6	+1.8	+1.8	+2.3	+2.2
Mid-March	+10.5	+1.6	+1.6	+2.2	+2.1
Mid-April	+13.7	+1.8	+1.7	+2.4	+2.2
Mid-May	+11.7	+1.9	+1.8	+2.5	+2.4
Mid-June	+8.0	+1.7	+1.6	+2.2	+2.1
Mid-July	+12.7	+1.9	+1.8	+2.4	+2.4
Mid-August	+12.5	+1.8	+1.7	+2.3	+2.3
Mid-September	+19.6	+2.6	+2.6	+3.1	+3.0
Mid-October	+19.9	+2.6	+2.5	+3.0	+3.0
Mid-November	+12.7	+2.1	+2.1	+2.7	+2.6
Mid-December	+10.4	+1.9	+1.8	+2.5	+2.5
<b>Year</b>	<b>+12.6</b>	<b>+1.9</b>	<b>+1.9</b>	<b>+2.5</b>	<b>+2.5</b>
<b>2006</b> Mid-January	+13.3	+2.3	+2.2	+3.0	+3.0
Mid-February	+15.3	+2.6	+2.6	+3.4	+3.3
Mid-March	+13.9	+2.7	+2.7	+3.5	+3.5
Mid-April	+10.3	+2.7	+2.7	+3.8	+3.8
Mid-May	+13.0	+2.9	+2.9	+4.0	+3.9
Mid-June	+12.7	+2.8	+2.8	+4.0	+3.9
Mid-July	+10.4	+2.7	+2.7	+4.4	+4.2
Mid August	+10.8	+3.0	+3.0	+4.7	+4.5
Mid-September	+0.1	+2.0	+2.0	+4.2	+4.0
Mid-October	-2.0	+2.0	+1.9	+4.0	+3.9
Mid-November	+ 0.3	+2.2	+2.0	+4.6	+4.4
Mid-December	+3.8	+2.8	+2.7	+4.7	+4.9
<b>Year</b>	<b>+8.2</b>	<b>+2.6</b>	<b>+2.5</b>	<b>+4.0</b>	<b>+4.0</b>



**Table 17 Constant Tax Price Index\***

Period	Index	Annual Percentage Changes		Contribution
		CPI	Due to Indirect Taxes <sup>1</sup>	Immediate Tax Effect <sup>2</sup>
		%	%	%
2005 January	106.4	+2.3	+0.2	+0.1
February	107.1	+2.2	+0.3	+0.1
March	107.4	+2.1	+0.3	+0.1
April	107.9	+2.2	+0.2	+0.1
May	108.1	+2.4	+0.4	+0.1
June	108.5	+2.1	+0.2	+0.1
July	108.4	+2.4	+0.4	+0.1
August	108.9	+2.3	+0.4	+0.1
September	109.6	+3.0	+0.5	+0.1
October	109.7	+3.0	+0.5	+0.1
November	109.6	+2.6	+0.5	+0.1
December	109.6	+2.5	+0.4	+0.1
2006 January	109.3	+3.0	+0.6	+0.0
February	110.4	+3.3	+0.5	+0.0
March	110.9	+3.5	+0.5	+0.0
April	111.7	+3.8	+0.6	+0.0
May	112.2	+3.9	+0.5	+0.0
June	112.5	+3.9	+0.5	+0.0
July	112.8	+4.2	+0.5	+0.0
August	113.6	+4.5	+0.6	+0.0
September	114.0	+4.0	+0.4	+0.0
October	114.0	+3.9	+0.4	+0.0
November	114.5	+4.4	+0.4	+0.0
December	114.6	+4.9	+0.8	+0.4

<sup>1</sup> Theoretical impact of tax changes in the year to date taking into account both changes in tax rates and the change in the level of prices. The CTPI is used in conjunction with the CPI to measure the contribution of changes in indirect taxes since the base period to the overall price change.

<sup>2</sup> Immediate tax effect based on the measurement of the direct impact of tax changes at the point of introduction.

\* For further information on the Constant Tax Price Index please see background notes.

**Table 18 Consumer Price Commodity Group Indices - December 2006\***

Commodity Group	Dec-01 base expenditure weights	Consumer Price Index (CPI)		Percentage changes		
		Current base Dec-01	Former base Nov-96	One month	Three months	12 months
				%	%	%
Food	20.805	111.0	137.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 2.5
Alcoholic Drink	11.898	118.7	144.7	- 0.4	- 0.5	+ 1.6
Tobacco	4.399	137.1	187.7	+ 7.3	+ 8.4	+ 9.6
Clothing and Footwear	4.888	83.8	62.9	- 0.4	-	- 2.3
Fuel and Light	3.278	154.3	173.9	+ 0.3	+ 3.5	+ 8.4
Housing	9.747	145.4	163.9	+ 0.6	+ 5.1	+25.0
Durable Household Goods	3.640	86.2	88.4	- 0.2	- 0.7	- 3.9
Other Goods	5.777	100.3	117.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Transport	15.413	110.2	129.2	- 0.3	- 2.2	- 0.5
Services and Related Expenditure	20.156	126.8	161.3	-	- 0.1	+ 5.1
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.000</b>	<b>118.0</b>	<b>139.5</b>	<b>+ 0.3</b>	<b>+ 0.7</b>	<b>+ 4.9</b>

\* Former classification used up to December 2001

**Table 19 Commodity Group and All Items Consumer Price Monthly Percentage Changes\***

Period	Food	Alco- holic drink	Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Fuel and Light	Housing	Durable House- hold Goods	Other Goods	Trans- port	Services and Related Expendi- ture	All Items
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>2004</b> Mid-January	+0.5	+0.2	+0.4	-15.4	-0.1	+0.2	-3.6	-0.8	-	+0.5	-0.5
Mid-February	-	-	-	+12.5	+0.2	+0.4	+2.4	+0.8	+0.6	+0.8	+0.8
Mid-March	-	-0.1	+0.7	+2.4	+0.7	+0.9	-0.1	-0.1	+0.5	+0.5	+0.4
Mid-April	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	-0.2	+2.0	+0.3	-0.4	+0.4	+0.6	+0.4	+0.4
Mid-May	+0.4	-	+0.1	+0.1	+1.1	+0.1	-0.2	-1.0	+0.5	+0.3	+0.2
Mid-June	+0.4	+0.5	+0.1	-0.5	+1.5	+0.6	-0.2	+0.7	+1.1	+0.3	+0.6
Mid-July	-0.1	+1.0	-	-11.2	-0.4	+0.5	-2.3	-0.5	+0.4	+0.4	-0.3
Mid-August	-	+0.2	+0.1	+8.9	+0.9	+0.8	+1.6	+0.1	+0.5	+0.2	+0.6
Mid-September	-	+0.1	-0.1	+3.4	+1.3	+0.7	-0.6	-0.1	-1.2	-	+0.1
Mid-October	+0.2	-	-	-0.7	+1.9	+0.4	-	+0.1	-0.4	+0.2	+0.1
Mid-November	-	-	+0.1	+0.3	+1.8	+0.5	-0.3	-0.3	+0.7	-	+0.2
Mid-December	+0.4	-0.3	+0.1	-0.1	+1.5	+0.6	-	+0.2	-0.2	-0.1	+0.1
<b>2005</b> Mid-January	-0.2	+0.3	-0.1	-15.8	+0.7	+0.9	-4.2	-1.0	-1.7	+0.4	-0.8
Mid-February	+0.2	-0.1	-	+11.9	+0.2	+0.6	+3.0	+0.2	+0.5	+0.7	+0.8
Mid-March	-0.5	-0.1	-	+3.6	+0.5	+0.7	-1.0	+0.1	-	+0.7	+0.3
Mid-April	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	-	+5.4	+0.3	+0.4	-	+0.9	+0.5	+0.5
Mid-May	+0.1	-	-	+0.2	-0.9	+0.6	-0.3	-0.2	+0.8	+0.6	+0.4
Mid-June	+0.2	+0.7	+0.6	-1.5	+0.4	+0.7	-0.4	-0.1	+0.3	+0.5	+0.3
Mid-July	+0.4	+0.5	+0.4	-10.2	+2.2	+0.4	-2.3	-0.7	+1.2	-0.2	-
Mid-August	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+8.7	-0.3	+0.4	+1.5	+0.2	+0.5	-0.1	+0.4
Mid-September	+0.1	-	+0.2	+3.7	+2.9	+0.6	+0.3	+0.1	+2.2	+0.6	+0.8
Mid-October	-	-	-0.1	-1.3	+4.3	+0.4	-0.1	+0.1	-0.6	-	+0.1
Mid-November	-0.1	-0.2	-	+1.9	-1.5	+0.7	+0.3	-	-1.6	-	-0.2
Mid-December	+0.2	-0.2	+0.1	-0.6	-1.7	+1.7	-0.3	+0.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1
<b>2006</b> Mid-January	+0.1	+0.3	-	-15.5	+1.7	+2.1	-4.2	-0.1	-0.2	+0.2	-0.3
Mid-February	+0.6	+0.1	-	+13.4	+1.2	+0.6	+3.0	+0.6	+1.1	+0.7	+1.1
Mid-March	+0.5	-	+0.6	+1.9	-	+1.0	-0.2	-0.1	+0.1	+0.6	+0.4
Mid-April	+0.5	-	+0.2	+0.2	+0.5	+3.5	-0.1	-0.2	+1.3	+0.7	+0.8
Mid-May	+0.5	+0.5	+0.1	-0.1	+1.2	+0.7	-	+0.1	+0.2	+0.6	+0.4
Mid-June	-0.5	+0.8	+0.1	-1.1	-0.5	+0.9	-0.7	+0.2	+0.6	+0.6	+0.3
Mid-July	+0.4	+0.3	+0.1	-11.2	+1.0	+3.9	-2.5	-0.4	+0.6	+0.5	+0.3
Mid-August	+0.1	+0.1	-	+7.6	+0.3	+1.0	+1.6	+0.2	+1.0	+0.6	+0.7
Mid-September	+0.2	-	+0.1	+5.7	-0.6	+3.8	-	+0.1	-2.8	+0.6	+0.3
Mid-October	-0.1	+0.1	+0.3	-1.2	+3.8	+0.6	-0.5	-	-1.3	+0.1	-
Mid-November	-	-0.2	+0.7	+1.6	-0.6	+3.9	-	-0.2	-0.6	-0.2	+0.3
Mid-December	+0.3	-0.4	+7.3	-0.4	+0.3	+0.6	-0.2	+0.1	-0.3	-	+0.3

\* Former classification used up to December 2001

**Table 20 Commodity Group and All Items Consumer Price Annual Percentage Changes\***

Period	Food	Alco- holic drink	Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Fuel and Light	Housing	Durable House- hold Goods	Other Goods	Trans- port	Services and Related Expendi- ture	All Items
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>2004</b> Mid-January	+2.0	+3.5	+6.7	-4.5	+5.9	-0.9	-2.5	-1.4	-0.2	+4.1	+1.8
Mid-February	+1.8	+3.2	+6.6	-4.9	+5.9	-1.0	-2.8	-1.0	-	+4.3	+1.7
Mid-March	+1.4	+2.2	+6.7	-4.3	+1.9	-1.2	-2.6	-0.8	-0.4	+4.4	+1.3
Mid-April	+1.3	+1.3	+6.0	-4.4	+0.9	+0.8	-3.3	-0.6	-	+4.3	+1.4
Mid-May	+1.6	+1.2	+5.8	-4.2	+6.2	+0.8	-2.9	-1.8	+1.1	+4.3	+1.7
Mid-June	+1.7	+1.4	+5.8	-3.0	+7.3	+0.8	-2.6	-0.7	+2.5	+4.3	+2.3
Mid-July	+1.1	+2.2	+5.8	-4.2	+6.6	+5.8	-3.3	-0.8	+2.9	+4.7	+2.7
Mid-August	+1.1	+2.2	+5.8	-4.3	+7.2	+5.8	-3.3	-0.7	+3.1	+4.5	+2.6
Mid-September	+1.4	+2.4	+5.8	-3.2	+7.8	+5.7	-4.0	-0.8	+2.4	+4.0	+2.5
Mid-October	+1.4	+2.4	+5.4	-2.9	+10.2	+5.7	-3.6	-0.5	+3.0	+3.9	+2.7
Mid-November	+1.4	+2.3	+5.2	-3.6	+11.7	+6.1	-4.3	-0.8	+4.4	+3.8	+2.9
Mid-December	+1.8	+1.9	+1.6	-3.5	+13.1	+5.9	-3.9	-0.5	+3.0	+3.7	+2.6
<b>Year</b>	<b>+1.5</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	<b>+5.6</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>+7.1</b>	<b>+2.8</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>+1.8</b>	<b>+4.2</b>	<b>+2.2</b>
<b>2005</b> Mid-January	+1.1	+1.9	+1.1	-4.0	+14.0	+6.7	-4.5	-0.7	+1.3	+3.6	+2.3
Mid-February	+1.3	+1.8	+1.1	-4.5	+14.0	+7.0	-3.9	-1.3	+1.2	+3.5	+2.2
Mid-March	+0.8	+1.9	+0.4	-3.4	+13.9	+6.8	-4.7	-1.1	+0.8	+3.7	+2.1
Mid-April	+0.8	+1.8	+0.3	-3.2	+17.6	+6.8	-3.9	-1.5	+1.1	+3.7	+2.2
Mid-May	+0.6	+1.8	+0.2	-3.0	+15.2	+7.4	-4.0	-0.7	+1.5	+4.0	+2.4
Mid-June	+0.4	+1.9	+0.7	-4.1	+14.1	+7.5	-4.2	-1.5	+0.6	+4.2	+2.1
Mid-July	+0.8	+1.4	+1.1	-2.9	+17.0	+7.5	-4.2	-1.7	+1.5	+3.5	+2.4
Mid-August	+0.9	+1.3	+1.3	-3.2	+15.7	+7.2	-4.4	-1.6	+1.5	+3.3	+2.3
Mid-September	+1.0	+1.2	+1.5	-2.8	+17.6	+7.1	-3.4	-1.4	+4.9	+3.9	+3.0
Mid-October	+0.8	+1.2	+1.5	-3.4	+20.4	+7.2	-3.5	-1.4	+4.6	+3.7	+3.0
Mid-November	+0.7	+1.0	+1.4	-1.9	+16.5	+7.4	-2.9	-1.1	+2.2	+3.7	+2.6
Mid-December	+0.6	+1.1	+1.4	-2.4	+12.7	+8.7	-3.2	-1.2	+1.8	+3.7	+2.5
<b>Year</b>	<b>+0.8</b>	<b>+1.6</b>	<b>+1.0</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>+15.7</b>	<b>+7.3</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>+1.9</b>	<b>+3.6</b>	<b>+2.5</b>
<b>2006</b> Mid-January	+0.8	+1.2	+1.5	-2.0	+13.8	+10.0	-3.3	-0.3	+3.4	+3.5	+3.0
Mid-February	+1.2	+1.4	+1.5	-0.7	+14.9	+9.9	-3.3	+0.1	+4.0	+3.6	+3.3
Mid-March	+2.1	+1.5	+2.0	-2.3	+14.3	+10.2	-2.5	-0.1	+4.1	+3.5	+3.5
Mid-April	+2.5	+1.4	+2.2	-2.1	+9.0	+13.8	-3.1	-0.3	+4.4	+3.7	+3.8
Mid-May	+3.0	+1.9	+2.3	-2.4	+11.2	+13.8	-2.8	-	+3.8	+3.7	+3.9
Mid-June	+2.3	+2.1	+1.8	-2.0	+10.1	+14.0	-3.0	+0.3	+4.1	+3.7	+3.9
Mid-July	+2.3	+1.8	+1.4	-3.2	+8.9	+18.0	-3.2	+0.6	+3.5	+4.4	+4.2
Mid-August	+2.3	+1.8	+1.2	-4.1	+9.5	+18.6	-3.0	+0.6	+4.1	+5.1	+4.5
Mid-September	+2.4	+1.8	+1.1	-2.3	+5.7	+22.4	-3.3	+0.6	-1.0	+5.1	+4.0
Mid-October	+2.3	+1.9	+1.5	-2.2	+5.2	+22.6	-3.7	+0.5	-1.7	+5.2	+3.9
Mid-November	+2.4	+1.9	+2.2	-2.5	+6.1	+26.4	-4.0	+0.3	-0.7	+5.1	+4.4
Mid-December	+2.5	+1.6	+9.6	-2.3	+8.4	+25.0	-3.9	+0.3	-0.5	+5.1	+4.9
<b>Year</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	<b>+1.6</b>	<b>+2.3</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>+9.7</b>	<b>+17.2</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>+0.2</b>	<b>+2.3</b>	<b>+4.4</b>	<b>+4.0</b>

\* Former classification used up to December 2001

**Table 21 Consumer Price Indices - Groceries Order and Non-Groceries Order Items (Former)**

**Base: December 2001=100**

Category	Year	Months												Annual
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
<b>Groceries Order Items<sup>1</sup></b>	2001													100.0
	2002	100.0	100.1	100.3	101.0	101.8	102.0	102.5	102.8	102.9	103.1	103.1	103.6	101.9
	2003	104.3	104.5	104.9	105.1	105.0	105.2	105.6	105.5	105.2	105.4	105.3	105.2	105.1
	2004	105.3	105.2	105.1	105.1	105.3	105.4	105.4	105.4	105.4	105.5	105.3	105.1	105.3
	2005	105.2	105.2	104.9	105.0	105.0	105.1	105.4	105.4	105.2	105.2	105.0	104.7	105.1
	2006	105.0	105.3	105.5	105.7	106.1	105.6	105.3	105.2	105.2	105.0	104.6	104.1	105.2
<b>Non-Groceries Order Items<sup>2</sup></b>	2001													100.0
	2002	100.8	101.0	101.5	102.1	102.0	102.6	102.0	101.9	101.8	102.0	101.9	102.2	101.8
	2003	101.9	102.2	102.2	102.1	102.2	102.4	102.3	102.4	101.4	100.6	100.6	100.4	101.7
	2004	100.1	100.0	99.8	99.4	100.0	101.0	100.0	100.1	99.5	99.2	99.0	100.0	99.8
	2005	99.2	99.5	98.1	97.4	97.0	97.4	97.4	97.2	97.5	96.9	96.3	96.8	97.6
	2006	96.7	98.6	99.1	99.3	100.6	99.7	100.4	100.6	101.1	100.8	100.7	101.6	99.9
<b>Groceries Order and Non-Groceries Order Items</b>	2001													100.0
	2002	100.2	100.3	100.6	101.3	101.8	102.1	102.4	102.6	102.6	102.8	102.8	103.3	101.9
	2003	103.6	103.9	104.2	104.3	104.3	104.4	104.7	104.7	104.2	104.1	104.0	103.9	104.2
	2004	103.9	103.8	103.7	103.6	103.9	104.3	103.9	104.0	103.8	103.8	103.6	103.7	103.9
	2005	103.6	103.7	103.1	103.0	102.9	103.1	103.3	103.2	103.2	103.0	102.7	102.6	103.1
	2006	102.8	103.5	103.8	104.1	104.7	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.1	103.9	103.6	103.5	103.8

<sup>1</sup> Groceries Order Items included elements of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages, Off-Licence Alcohol and Household Non-Durable Goods.

<sup>2</sup> Non-Groceries Order Items included elements of Foods & Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Household/Personal Non-Durable Goods

## Background Notes – Consumer Price Index

- Definition** The Consumer Price Index is designed to measure the change in the average level of prices (inclusive of all indirect taxes) paid for consumer goods and services by all private households in the country and by foreign tourists holidaying in Ireland.
- Consumer Price Index (CPI)** Over 55,000 prices are collected for a representative basket consisting of 613 headings which cover over 1,000 different items in a fixed panel of retail and service outlets throughout the country on the second Tuesday of each month. The date to which the December index relates is Tuesday, 12th December 2006.
- Scope of the Index**
- (i) **Population Coverage:** All private households covering approximately 97% of the total population and the expenditure of foreign tourists within Ireland. It does not include the expenditure of persons in institutions and other non private households. Expenditure which occurs abroad by Irish residents is also excluded. In statistical terms coverage is referred to as the domestic concept.
  - (ii) **Geographic Coverage:** Covers the whole of the Republic of Ireland. Pricing takes place in 86 locations (cities and towns) throughout the country. These sampling points are located in Dublin city and county, the four regional cities of Cork, Limerick, Galway and Waterford, 90% of towns with a population of 10,000 and over, 88% of towns between 5,000 and 9,999 and a smaller proportion below this threshold. The results are weighted to represent the distribution of the population and its related consumer expenditure.
  - (iii) **Item Coverage:** All goods and services bought by the reference population for the purposes of consumption are included in the index. Expenditure on capital assets and investments, gambling and certain other activities are however excluded. Over 1,000 different varieties are priced and then aggregated into 613 item headings and 12 group headings based on the COICOP classification. With each rebase the coverage of goods and services is reviewed to ensure that it continues to be representative of consumer tastes and purchasing practices.
- Price Collection** Personal visits are made to retail outlets by some 200 part-time pricers on a monthly basis. Approximately 51,000 price quotations are gathered in this way. In addition 112 special inquiries covering items such as utility charges and services are conducted by post and telephone. Most prices are collected monthly, some quarterly and others annually. The CSO supplies general specifications to price collectors and collectors are free initially to select a brand and in certain cases, size. This allows for a wide variety of different brands of the same item to be priced throughout the country. Once selected, the same item/brand is priced on a monthly basis in order to ensure matched price quotations. If an item disappears, substitution can occur but that price is excluded until matched prices are available for the same comparable item for two consecutive months. The CSO wishes to put on record its appreciation of the co-operation and assistance it receives from retail outlets and other business concerns.
- CPI Weights** The CPI measures in index form the monthly changes in the cost of purchasing a fixed representative ‘basket’ of consumer goods and services (i.e. Laspeyres formula). The representative share of each item in this basket is proportional to the average amount purchased by all households in the country as determined by the Household Budget Survey and by foreign tourists in this country using estimates of expenditure by tourists across a range of consumer goods and services. Individual items typically purchased by foreign tourists while holidaying in Ireland such as hotel accommodation and meals out have been adjusted to take account of the additional tourist expenditure. Identical items are priced in the same outlet on each occasion so that changes in the cost of this constant basket reflect only pure price changes.

## Background Notes – Consumer Price Index (continued)

- Rebase** The index has been rebased with effect from December 2001, the ninth series since the foundation of the State.
- The rebase of the current CPI resulted in a number of methodological changes:
- The introduction of the Geometric Mean;
  - Updating the expenditure weights;
  - A revision of the sample of goods and services;
  - An update of the sample of areas priced; and
  - A move to the COICOP classification.
- Classification** The classification used in the CPI is based on a version of COICOP – COICOP HICP, the Classification of Individual Consumption Expenditure by Purpose. This replaces the former national classification which was used up to December 2001. The COICOP classification breaks consumer expenditure into twelve different categories covering a comprehensive range of consumer goods and services.
- Methodological Details** A full methodological description of the new series is available in the CPI 2001 Introduction to Series booklet.
- Goods and Services** The consumer basket can be split into two constituent parts - goods and services according to the following definitions.
- Goods** Goods are defined as non service items usually purchased and transportable from a retail outlet - the basket excluding services.
- Services** Services include electricity, gas, telecommunications and other public utilities, alcoholic beverages consumed on licensed premises, meals out, accommodation services, public transport, medical fees, insurances, education fees, hairdressing & other personal services, childcare & social protection, entertainment & recreation services, mortgage interest & rents, package holidays and other miscellaneous services.
- Utilities and Local Charges** Includes electricity, gas, landline telecommunications and local authority service charges.
- Constant Tax** A change in the Consumer Price Index can result from increases or decreases in the pre-tax cost of goods or services and changes in the levels of indirect taxes levied on them. The Constant Tax Price Index (CTPI) is designed to exclude from the CPI the effect of changes in the level of indirect taxes since the base reference period. It does this by replacing the values of indirect taxation in the current prices with the values of indirect taxation in the corresponding base period prices. It is important to note that the CTPI thus excludes not only the impact due to changes in the taxation regime (e.g. new tax rates or excise duties) but also the impact of the ad valorem effect on tax receipts of changes in the pre-tax level of prices of goods and services. The CTPI can be used readily in conjunction with the CPI to measure the contribution of changes in indirect taxes since the base period to the overall price change.

The CTPI, together with the assessed contribution of indirect taxes to annual CPI change, is shown in Table 17. It is also possible to estimate the immediate direct contribution of changes in the tax regime on the monthly CPI according as the changes are implemented in practice - these exclude any ad valorem impacts. These monthly contributions can be summed over a twelve month period to give an estimate of the immediate impact of recent changes in the indirect taxation system on the annual rate of inflation and these are also given in Table 17.

## Background Notes – COICOP Classification

Prior to the introduction of the current series in January 2002 the CPI used a national classification while the HICP used COICOP/HICP. To ensure greater comparability CPI and the HICP now both use the COICOP/HICP classification (Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose - adapted for the purposes of the EU HICP).

The COICOP classification is based on 12 main subgroups.

<b>01 Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages</b>	Food and non alcoholic beverages purchased in supermarkets, small shops, speciality shops and petrol station forecourt outlets. It excludes meals out which are covered under 11 Restaurants and Hotels.
<b>02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco</b>	Includes alcoholic beverages purchased in off licences and supermarkets but excludes alcohol consumed on or within a licensed premises which is classified under 11 Restaurants and Hotels.
<b>03 Clothing and Footwear</b>	Mens, ladies and childrens clothing and footwear, sports and leisurewear and services such as laundry and dry cleaning, shoe repair, dress hire and alteration.
<b>04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels</b>	This group covers rents, mortgage interest repayments, local authority service charges, goods and services for maintaining, decorating and repairing dwellings and domestic energy products such as electricity, gas and solid fuels.
<b>05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance</b>	This category covers household items such as furniture, carpets and other floor coverings, house textiles and soft furnishings, household electrical appliances, and other household items such as utensils, tools, garden equipment and non-durable items for cleaning, washing and other day to day household activity. Also included in this category are domestic services such as cleaning and other services.
<b>06 Health</b>	Health includes medical products, appliances and equipment, hospital charges and out patient services supplied by doctors, dentists, opticians, practitioners of alternative and complimentary medicine and paramedical services.
<b>07 Transport</b>	Includes the purchase of new and second hand vehicles, spare parts, car maintenance, fuels and lubricants, public transport and services such as parking, motor association subscriptions, car wash, toll charges, driving tests, licences and car hire.
<b>08 Communications</b>	Post and telecommunications.
<b>09 Recreation and Culture</b>	All goods and services connected with recreation and culture and includes items such as audio visual and photographic equipment, computers, music and videos, sports and recreation goods, games and toys, items connected with gardening and pets, recreational, sporting and cultural activities and events, newspapers and other reading material, package holidays and other items connected with recreation and culture.
<b>10 Education</b>	Covers all aspects of education including primary, secondary, third level and other education and training such as night courses, play schools and examination fees.
<b>11 Restaurants and Hotels</b>	This category covers the following areas: meals in restaurants and hotels; fast food and take-aways; cafes; canteens; alcohol consumed on or within a licensed premises and accommodation services supplied by hotels, guesthouses and hostels.
<b>12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services</b>	This remaining category covers a wide range of items including hairdressing and other grooming; goods for hygiene, hair and body care; personal goods such as jewellery, handbags and wallets; childcare and other social protection services; insurance, financial services and other services including funerals, weddings, legal and professional services.